

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 2 as follows:

Man-made, usually rectangular settling ponds are used for holding sewage and industrial waste, which are examples of wastewater. These ponds are usually covered by a large one-piece geomembrane which has gas and water collection systems and is usually not insulated. These pond covers are laid on-site and secured by an anchoring trench. Because of their size, they are difficult to remove.